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Personal Mention

Brother Welty reports two accessions in his field of labor.

Brother Alvin Byers reports one accession and the work moving forward very encouragingly.

Please note what Brother Rench has to say about going to the Conference at Oakville. You will save some money by following his instructions.

Brother Darling and wife, of Pittsburg, Pa., have been visiting the former's mother at Dallas Center, Ia., for several weeks, but will return to Pittsburg September 28.

Brother E. L. Yoder, with many others, writes, "You are giving us a good Quarterly. God bless you in your work." Thanks, brother. We appreciate your kind words and good will.

Brethren Ditch, Miller, Rench, and Summers each has something important in this issue to the people of Indiana. Readers of the paper will please note what these brethren have to say.

"An Infamous Verdict," under the Home Department of this issue should have been credited to the Editor of the *Pittsburg Dispatch*, as it was taken from the editorial department of that paper.

Brother B. H. Flora writes from Cerro Gordo, Ill.: We are having a good meeting here. Came direct from Conference to this place, so far ten sermons and four accessions. Good prospects for more.

One accession to the Bethesda class, Ohio, is reported. Brother Grisso is pastor and the work is prospering under his care. Harvest home meetings that result in the conversion of souls are always a good thing.

Brother L. W. Ditch has moved from Cowan, Ind., to Oakville, Ind. At the latter place the State Conference will be held the first week in October, and Brother Ditch gives a hearty invitation to all churches in the State to be represented.

Brethren Robert Beachy and Earnest Livengood, Elk Lick, Pa., have entered the Freshman year of the Western University of Pa. The pastor, brother J. C. Mackey, has others who are preparing for college under his direction. We trust Ashland will get some of them.

"Sub-dangers of Joining Amusements and Religion," by Brother Yoder contains some very practical

truths and some very wholesome advice which we do well to heed. Let us be happy and joyful as the Lord directs, but at the same time let us be careful as to what it is that makes us happy and joyful.

Brother Furry's letter in this issue is both practical and important. Please read it. Also note that he has secured Brethren Rench and Miller to write on the young people's topic for October 1, "Our Own Church.—What We Can Do For Her." Brother Furry's idea is a capital one and we trust the plan will be continued.

The brotherhood no doubt is anxiously awaiting the announcement of the opening of Ashland College, the attendance, prospects, etc. Professor Miller, president of the school, has been exceedingly busy arranging the work for the more than twenty classes organized, but the church may expect a statement from him in next week's paper. The work has opened up very nicely and Brother Miller will give the details in the next issue of the EVANGELIST.

The regular weekly letters from Sister Detwiler, president of the S. S. C. E., are quite interesting and we trust they will be continued as long as she remains in the field. They are bearing fruit, and we feel sure will do much to bring the societies closer together in their work, help them to understand each other better and bend all their efforts toward the great object for which that organization exists. May the Lord bless our sister in her work.

"The Future of Ashland College," by Brother Teeter, and "Our City Missions," by Brother Lyon, were papers read at our late conference, but this fact we trust will detract nothing from their interest. As for ourselves we heard both papers read at the conference, yet we have read them with both pleasure and profit. Go thou and do likewise.

We call special attention to the appeal in this issue by Brother Cassel, secretary of the National Mission Board. Let all the churches give this matter their immediate attention. We can not afford to let this work drag for lack of funds, especially not since there is no occasion for it. The church can support these missions with but very little sacrifice. Please think of the sacrifice our brethren Talley and Lyon have made in accepting the work of these missions, and then contribute liberally to the support of the work. We can support it, we can do it easily, it is our duty to do it, and failure to meet the responsibility will detract that much from our future success.

Brief Notes

Business that you can't pray for will sooner or later turn out to be a losing business.

To fill your place in the world is a much nobler ambition than to fill your pocket.

The compromising Christian is the man who prefers his own company to the Lord's company.

Eloquent preaching is a beautiful gift, but eloquent practising is an irresistible power.

The employees of a northern orphanage asylum were notified by a new superintendent that they "must work for the Lord," meaning that they were thereafter to receive no pay. What a blundering ignoramus not to know that acceptable service to the Lord must be purely voluntary. "Must" indeed. He needs somebody to crack an ecclesiastical whip over his head.

If all God's works in the material universe show a beautiful and harmonious plan, should we find it difficult to believe that God has a beautiful plan for every human life, for you and me? It may look to us like an inextricable tangle now, but trust God and the harmony and beauty of it all will appear by and by. Ours is to trust, to wait, and to rest.

At a Christian Science meeting in Jersey City a woman testified that prayer grew new eyeballs in a Texas man. The trouble about most of these modern miracles is that they have a long distance quality which is very baffling to convincing investigation.

Faith can enable us to see some marvelous things, but it will not make many people see a miracle of this kind a thousand miles away.

A tramp in Hudson County N. J., who had been jailed for some slight offense, finding that the officers were making preparations to give him an enforced bath, committed suicide rather than to submit to it. There are many thousands who, foul with all the filthiness of sin, refuse the spiritual washing which alone can make them clean, and so they perish in their rebellion. The voluntary nature of their refusal of the only means of salvation involves all the guilt of moral and spiritual suicide.

A man in a large town commenced laughing at something, and found that he couldn't stop. He laughed on until he became sick, and had to be taken to a hospital, where at last accounts he was still laughing, at the imminent peril of his life. Of course this is the result of some disease of the nerves which has robbed the man of self control in some directions. There is an analagous moral disease, known by the name of levity, which laughs all serious thoughts out of the mind and heart, and if not radically cured will laugh the soul into hell.

The conductor of a camp meeting in an eastern State insures a congregation and fairly good interest by distributing water melons between prayers. The worldly wisdom of this fellow is as conspicuous as his lack of spiritual wisdom. Of course he will get his crowd, but what is the value of a crowd which will go further and do more to get a water melon than to inherit the kingdom of heaven? A water melon as a means of grace is a new idea, but the antics of some so called evangelists are not to be accounted for on rational or scriptural principles.

Literary Notes

There is much that is of peculiar interest to the preacher in the September number of THE HOMILETIC REVIEW. Bishop John F. Hurst, of Washington, D. C., Chancellor of the American University, tells him how he should study Church History as an aid to his work in the pulpit. Dr. Stuckenberg, in his series on "Present Theological Tendencies," treats of "The Constructive Tendencies" at present dominant in the theological world. "Denominational Diversities" are shown, by Professor Henry E. Dosker, to be natural developments of Protestant Christianity and elements of strength rather than of weakness: "uniformity is man's work, endless variation God's glory." An exceedingly able discussion along its line—and that a most important line—is Professor Charles B. Warring's discussion of "The Sufficiency of Physical Law."

The Sermonic, Seed Thought and Miscellaneous sections are full and of special interest to the preacher.

The Editorial Notes deal with living questions. What is said on "Church-Members Away from Home" on vacation ought to startle and rouse Christians. "The Hopelessness of Agnosticism" is emphasized by the recent death of Col. Robert G. Ingersoll. "The New Infallibility" quotes and indorses *The Christian Commonwealth's* late able editorial on the recent assumptions of the evolutionists in dealing with the Christian religion. Under the caption, "A Blow Struck at Ritualism," the late decision of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York on the use of incense, and lights in processions, in the Church of England, is given and its bearing and value estimated. "The 'Canteen' Question" indicates the present status of legislation on that subject, and suggests an immediate appeal to the Supreme Court to settle the issues involved. Among the other topics are, "A New Era in Japan," "A Century's Progress in Mission," and "The American Sunday school Union."

In short, the present number of THE REVIEW commends itself to preachers of all classes and positions by presenting an unrivalled range of topics of current and vital interest.